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Japan you. Our debit note accompanies the confirmation copy of this letter.

Re: TANAKA et al - USSN 07/564,507
METHOD OF PRODUCING A SLIDING BEARING
Our Reference: Tanaka-14
Your Reference: B6085-01MP

Gentlemen:

Sheridan Neimark

We regret to inform you of the receipt of an Advisory Action, Paper No. 11, dated June 13, 1991, copy faxed herewith. The examiner refuses to enter the amendment submitted June 7, 1991, because the examiner considers that it would raise new issues requiring further consideration and/or search. His note states:

> Further limit the steps in the claim in the same vacuum chamber and a new step of vacuumization in claim 3 would raise new issue.

Accordingly, the claims will not be allowed and the proposed amendment will not be entered, even for purposes of appeal.

Sincerely,

Other than abandoning further attempts to obtain a patent in the U.S.A., the options at this stage are: (1) proceeding with an appeal on the basis of the old claims, (2) refiling the application such as in the form of a Rule 62 continuation application so that the last amendment will be entered and the examiner will be compelled to examine the amended claims, or (3) submit a petition for entry of the amendment. This third option has certain disadvantages, however, because it will not stay the term and there is no assurance that it would be successful (such petitions are only seldom successful), and

furthermore even if the petition were successful there is no assurance that entry of the amendment would lead to allowance of the claims. On the other hand, the examiner is clearly incorrect in saying that new issues are raised, and so this case may be a good candidate for a petition!

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July 3, 1991

Thank you. Our debit note accompanies the confirmation copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

Sheridan Neimark

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Enclosures

in order to appropriately respond to the recommendations.

Attachments

Also enclosed is a debit memorandum for our services.

Sincerely,

Norman J. Latker

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Enclosure